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SUMMARY THE US SPANISH COUNCIL MET FOR THE SECOND TIME FEB

9,1977 AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN MADRID, THIS

TIME AT THE LEVEL OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES (THE AMBASSADOR

AND THE UNDERSECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS). THE AGENDA CON-

TAINED REFTEL WAS FOLLOWED. SOME HIGHLIGHTS.

SPANISH LAID GREATEST STRESS ON ECONOMIC ISSUES OF CONCERN

TO THEM (SEPTTEL)

SPANISH EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT FACILITIES FOR THE COMBINED

MILITARY COORDINATION AND PLANNING STAFF IN MADRID WOULD

BE AVAILABLE SOON, BUT DID NOT COMMIT THEMSELVES TO ANY

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DATE.

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMBINED STAFF WERE AGREED

TO UPON AND INITIAL DRAFTS WERE EXCHANGED SUBJECT TO

SOME FURTHER TRANSLATION STENOGRAPHIC COORECTION (SEPTTEL)

GEN HUYSER INVITED EARLY ASSIGNMENT OF A SPANISH MILITARY

LIAISON OFFICER AT EUCOM.

"AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION WITH NATO" WAS ESTABLISHED

SENIOR SPANISH MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST IN OBTAIN GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN TIMING OF THE FUNDING OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE UNDER THE TREATY.

SPANISH DESIRE FOR GREATER FLOW TO TREATY ORGANS OF INFORMATION CONCERNING U.S. CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED ACTIVITIES ON THE JOINT USE BASES WAS ELEVATED TO COUNCIL LEVEL.

END OF SUMMARY.

1. UNDERSECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS SOLANO WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO INCLUDE GEN. HUYER AND GEN MCCLELLAN (U.S. CO-DIRECTOR DESIGNATE OF THE COMBINED STAFF) WARMLY IN HIS OPENING REMARKS WELCOMING THE US SIDE.

2. U.S. BRIEFING ON SECURITY ASSISTANCE UNDER THE TREATY PRODUCED A QUESTION FROM VICE ADM ROMERO OF THE HIGH GENERAL STAFF AS TO WHETHER THE US COULD NOT ACCOMMODATE SPANISH MILITARY INTERESTED IN OBTAINING GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN THE USE OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE, I.E. COULD NOT GREATER THAN ANNUAL PRO RATE AMOUNTS BE PROVIDED IN EARLY YEARS AND ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO EXTEND THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS BEYOND THE LIFE OF THE TREATY. U.S. SIDE DESCRIBED EXISTING SYSTEM, AND MAAG WILL PURSUE THIS MATTER FURTHER WITH ROMERO.

3. THE "AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR COORDINATION" WITH NATO WAS DULY ESTABLISHED WITH THIS NAME AND INTERESTED TO PREPARE A PRELIMINARY REPORT FOR PRESENTATION TO THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL. IT IS TO START ITS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WORK BY CONSIDERING THE INFORMAL LIST OF SHORT TERM MEASURES GIVEN BY THE AMBASSADOR TO OREJA LAST JULY

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4. DEPSITE SOME LAST MINUTE NON SUBSTANTIVE POINTS OF TRANSLATION  
AND TRAN-

SCRIPTION, AFFECTING ONLY THE U.S. TEXT WHICH WERE RAISED  
BY THE SPANISH CO-DIRECTOR DESIGNATE OF  
THE COMBINED STAFF (LLOSA) THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE  
COMBINED STAFF WERE AGREED UPON AND INITIALED SUBJECT TO  
APPROPRIATE CORRECTION AND REINITIALING OF PAGES, UNDER  
SECRETARY SOLANO EXPRESSED THE HOPE BASED ON WORD FROM  
THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, THAT JOINT OFFICE SPACE FOR THE  
COUNCIL AND COMBINED STAFF WOULD SOON BE AVAILABLE BUT  
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WAS NOT MORE SPECIFIC (SOLANO LATER TOLD AMBASSADOR  
THE LATTER PART OF MARCH  
THE AMBASSADOR AND GEN HUYSER AND MCLELLAN  
MADE CLEAR THAT THESE FACILITIES WERE A PREREQUISITES TO  
SETTING UP THIS STAFF. BOTH SIDES AGREED ON  
THE STAFF'S BEGINNING SOON AND ON THE WISDOM OF MANNING IT  
AT A MODEST LEVEL INITIALLY. THE SPANISH SIDE UNDERTOOK  
TO GIVE AS MUCH ADVANCE NOTICE AS POSSIBLE CONCERNING WHEN  
THE STAFF MIGHT BE ABLE TO SET UP OPERATIONS. GEN HUYSER  
SUGGESTED THAT, WITH THE CREATION OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE  
ON COORDINATION WITH NATO, THERE MIGHT BE USEFUL WORK FOR  
A SPANISH MILITARY LIAISON OFFICER TO BE AT EUCOM EVEN  
BEFORE THE COMBINED STAFF BECOMES EFFECTIVE. ALTHOUGH  
THE SPANISH RESPONSE AT THE TABLE WAS ENTIRELY NON-COMMITTAL,  
WE LATER HEARD FROM BOTH THE CHIEF AND VICE

CHIEF OF THE HIGH GENERAL STAFF (FERNANDEZ VALLESPIN AND ROMERO MORENO THAT THEY ARE MOST INTERESTED.

5. REGARDING THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE, BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED AGREEMENT ON THE DATE OF MARCH 14 FOR A INITIAL MEETING. UNDERSECRETARY SOLANO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW IN FAMILIAR TERMS, BUT WITH GREAT EMPHASIS SEVERAL BILATERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO SPAIN. AND GAVE NOTICE OF GOS INTENT TO RAISE SUCH ISSUES AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL SHOULD PROGRESS NOT BE MADE BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE IN RESOLVING THEM. THE AMBASSADOR RESPONSE TEMPERED RELAXATION WITH UNDERSTANDING (DETAILS BY SEPTTEL)

6. BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED APPROVAL IN GENERAL TERMS OF THE WORK UNDERWAY IN THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND THE JOINT SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, WITH THE AMBASSADOR UNDERLINING THE IMPORTANCE OF SEEKING PROGRAMS WITH A CLEAR ELEMENT OF MUTUALITY OF INTEREST AND THE NEED TO HURRY THE PACE OF PREPARING THE ADMINISTRATIVE TERRAIN FOR MANAGING SUCH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROGRAMS EFFECTIVELY. BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ACCELERATING THE PACE OF THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM IN SOLAR ENERGY.

7. IN REVIEWING THE WORK IN THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON POLITICO MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS (WHICH TREATS STATUS OF FORCES AND SIMILAR ISSUES) UNDERSECRETARY SOLANO LAID STRESS ON PROVIDING THE COMMITTEE WITH THE FULLEST INFORMATION ON ALL MAINTENANCE CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER RELATED ACTIVITY BY THE US FORCES ON THE JOINT USE BASES THE AMBASSADOR ARGUED FOR THE DESIRABILITY OF CONTINUING TO HANDLE AT THE LOCAL LEVEL AS MANY SUCH MATTERS AS POSSIBLE, AND BOTH SIDES EVIDENCED WILLINGNESS TO DRAW A DISTINCTION BETWEEN PROVIDING INFORMATION TO HIGHER LEVELS AND SEEKING THEIR APPROVAL.

8. UNDERSECRETARY SOLANO SOUGHT A COMMITMENT TO A SPECIFIC TIME FRAME FOR THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL, WHICH WE WERE UNABLE TO GIVE. THE AGREED LANGUAGE IS CONTAINED IN THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE).

9. THE MEETING WAS CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT WITH THE GREATEST CORDIALITY.

10. SEPTTELS REPORT ECONOMIC ASPECTS PROPOSED CORRECTIONS OF ENGLISH TEXT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMBINED STAFF, AND TEXT OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE DETAILED MINUTES BY

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